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The Honorable Birch Bayh
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This note responds to your query of 16 November 1978 (Q#6291) regarding an allegation by the Federation of American Scientists that information on Fidel Castro's travel plans was leaked by some member of the Intelligence Community who would like to see Castro assassinated. ~~This is, of course, a baseless and utterly false charge.~~

We know of no evidence to support this charge, and Mr. Stoen cites none.

As you will see in the enclosure, my Director of Public Affairs responded to the Federation's allegation by pointing out its fallacious reasoning, but also by echoing the Federation's denouncement of and opposition to terrorism and assassination. I need not reassure you of our determination to uphold the latter.

Sincerely yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachment